

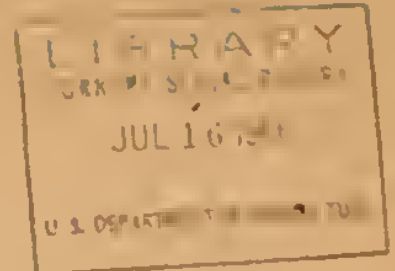
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Estimated Carloads of Perishable and Semi-perishable Domestically Produced Commodities  
That Normally Move in Refrigerator Cars, by Months for 1943, 1944, and 1945 <sup>1</sup>

	Bever- ages <sup>2</sup>	Margar- ine <sup>3</sup>	Fresh Fruits and Vegetables <sup>4</sup>	Meats <sup>5</sup>	Butter <sup>3</sup>	Cheese <sup>3</sup>	Eggs <sup>3</sup>	Poultry dressed <sup>3</sup>	Canned milk <sup>3</sup>	Canned foods and stuffs <sup>3</sup>	Total	Estimated refrigerator car- loads <sup>6</sup>
Estimated cars, January 1945	17,685	422	80,539	29,002	1,733	1,846	2,489	1,835	4,430	30,325	170,806	151,922
Number cars shipped January 1944	16,391	415	77,029	34,572	1,832	1,637	2,663	1,932	3,944	11,675	172,070	144,810
Percent change, Jan. 1945 over 1944	7.9	1.7	4.6	-16.1	-5.4	12.8	-6.5	-5.0	12.3	-1.7	-0.7	-5.4
Estimated cars, February 1945	18,107	511	75,270	24,369	1,644	1,557	2,374	1,282	4,453	11,144	160,724	144,287
Number cars shipped February 1944	16,720	549	75,035	34,308	1,885	1,310	2,652	1,350	4,211	12,117	170,437	133,650
Percent change, Feb. 1945 over 1944	8.3	-6.2	0.3	-29.0	-12.8	19.6	-10.5	-5.0	5.2	-3.2	-7.7	-4.1
Estimated cars, March 1945	19,832	610	83,803	27,109	1,985	1,729	2,902	764	5,500	31,121	177,525	153,043
Number cars shipped March 1944	18,572	530	75,854	30,244	1,942	1,511	2,733	1,015	5,310	33,261	187,831	141,122
Percent change, Mar. 1945 over 1944	6.8	15.1	10.6	-10.4	2.6	13.2	6.2	66.1	3.8	-3.4	-6.0	-7.5
Estimated cars, April 1945	18,775	562	75,192	23,727	1,914	1,729	2,902	1,059	5,724	27,930	160,837	144,016
Number cars shipped April 1944	17,001	545	74,380	30,935	2,000	1,511	2,733	1,111	5,209	29,311	167,442	146,446
Percent change, Apr. 1945 over 1944	9.2	3.0	1.1	-23.3	-4.5	13.2	6.2	-10.9	9.2	-4.7	-3.9	-0.2
Estimated cars, May 1945	20,004	394	80,272	24,372	2,426	1,729	2,902	1,525	7,975	30,364	177,864	153,570
Number cars shipped May 1944	20,144	331	77,721	33,580	2,751	1,511	2,032	1,440	9,017	30,840	183,904	150,037
Percent change, May 1945 over 1944	-0.7	18.3	3.3	-19.7	-11.2	13.2	44.3	6.6	-11.2	-1.5	-3.3	2.4
Estimated cars, June 1945	20,980	322	78,339	26,864	3,137	2,310	5,561	1,897	7,608	29,458	177,476	157,615
Number cars shipped June 1944	19,541	257	78,226	32,145	3,190	2,154	5,590	1,955	8,127	30,124	181,369	149,953
Percent change, June 1945 over 1944	7.4	25.3	0.1	-16.4	-1.7	7.2	-0.5	-3.0	-5.7	-2.4	-2.1	5.1
Estimated cars, July 1945	21,196	486	80,270	32,803	2,912	2,430	5,023	2,147	7,730	29,207	184,204	158,830
Number cars shipped July 1944	20,780	366	69,407	34,340	3,075	2,231	5,037	2,063	7,038	28,497	172,884	148,830
Percent change, July 1945 over 1944	2.0	32.8	15.7	-4.5	-5.3	6.5	-0.3	4.1	9.8	2.5	6.5	7.4
Estimated cars, August 1945	21,982	490	77,260	31,757	2,635	2,540	4,718	2,423	6,541	35,297	185,643	158,830
Number cars shipped August 1944	21,551	418	70,931	34,637	2,706	2,371	4,731	2,279	6,091	35,126	175,359	151,098
Percent change, Aug. 1945 over 1944	2.0	17.2	9.9	-8.0	-2.6	7.1	-0.3	6.3	7.4	0.5	5.9	4.5
Estimated cars, September 1945	21,009	366	92,178	25,922	2,021	2,565	3,933	2,157	5,824	35,940	191,915	157,989
Number cars shipped September 1944	20,597	420	89,273	30,239	2,130	2,382	3,947	2,463	5,374	36,046	178,810	157,989
Percent change, Sept. 1945 over 1944	2.0	-12.9	3.3	-14.3	-5.1	7.7	-0.4	-12.4	8.4	-0.3	7.3	0.0
Number cars shipped October 1944	22,185	626	91,485	30,343	1,840	2,355	3,639	3,320	4,790	38,206	198,789	153,024
Number cars shipped October 1943	16,999	470	75,447	30,072	2,017	1,627	3,175	2,532	3,783	31,442	167,564	143,384
Percent change, Oct. 1944 over 1943	30.5	32.2	21.2	0.9	-8.6	44.7	14.6	31.1	26.6	21.5	18.6	6.7
Number cars shipped November 1944	21,201	494	71,530	30,057	1,373	1,927	3,211	4,768	4,206	37,518	176,826	148,830
Number cars shipped November 1943	17,334	495	70,051	33,404	1,320	1,707	2,741	4,141	3,174	32,981	173,617	152,085
Percent change, Nov. 1944 over 1943	22.3	0.2	2.1	-10.0	4.2	13.0	17.1	15.1	32.5	13.8	1.8	-8.7
Number cars shipped December 1944	20,562	477	70,321	31,670	1,744	1,843	2,741	4,445	4,569	35,526	181,850	158,498
Number cars shipped December 1943	16,618	501	72,138	35,340	1,311	1,530	2,340	3,666	3,424	32,902	170,770	141,150
Percent change, Dec. 1944 over 1943	23.7	-4.4	-2.5	-10.4	31.6	20.5	17.1	21.2	33.4	8.0	6.5	12.3

<sup>1</sup> For certain commodities, particularly bottled and canned beer and canned foodstuffs, the use of refrigerator cars is essential only during those months when protection from the cold is required.

<sup>2</sup> ICC Statement No. M-500 carloads originated less 5 percent is the estimate for 1943, and like figures are substituted for former estimates in 1944.

<sup>3</sup> ICC Statement No. M-500, carloads originated are used in 1943, and are substituted for previous estimates in 1944.

<sup>4</sup> Fruit and Vegetable Branch, Office of Marketing Services, July, August, and September 1945 are estimates. October 1945 is estimated to be 92,440 carloads.

<sup>5</sup> In 1943 and 1944 this figure is the sum of ICC classifications 210, 220, and 222, carloads originated, less canned meats. The first 9 months of 1945 are estimates on the same basis.

<sup>6</sup> In 1943 and 1944 this figure is ICC classification 680, carloads originated plus canned meats but less canned milk. The first 9 months of 1945 are estimates of the same movement.

